

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing prior to an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

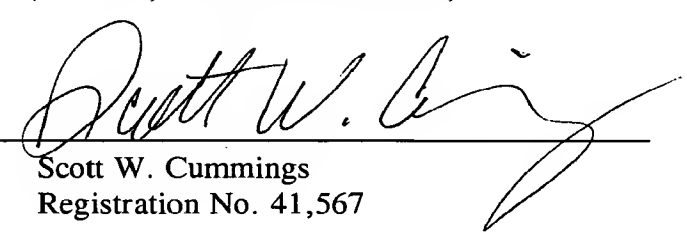
By the foregoing, claims 42 and 66 have been amended in a manner which renders them dependent upon, and consistent with, elected claim 1. Thus, the elected invention (Group I) now contains claims 1-29, 42-47 and 66-73.

An early and favorable examination on the merits of the above-listed claims is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephonic or personal interview would be constructive to advance prosecution of the present application, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted to arrange any such interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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